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Mr. Hamilton Jordan,  
Assistant to the President,  
The White House, Washington, DC

Dear Mr. Jordan,

We were told by Congressman Miller's office to write to the President, but we were afraid he might not receive it, so we are writing to you, trusting that you can inform him of the matter, or take care of it yourself.

We have a niece that was picked up from her families home in June 1975, age 17, at 2:30 AM, placed under in-comunicado, and thrown into jail on trumped up, "false charges". She has been tortured, molested, and threatened with death. She is still in jail, and finally after almost three years (Mar. 1978) was convicted, without legal counsel, of having "dynamite caps" in her apartment.

She never lived in an apartment, and when she was picked up from her families home, (there were 8 or 10 people there visiting), and they found nothing, in a complete search. The complete story of this, can be found in your State Dept. files.

We have had wonderful help from the State Dept., mainly Fernando Rondon, now in Honduras, Judith Chavchavadse, and Ambassador Castro and his staff. All this came about, because of the desires of Congressman George Miller and his staff, to try to right a terrible wrong in human rights.

Through the help of George Miller, namely Carol Pollack, of his Pleasant Hill office, we have asked for, and have received help, from Sen. Cranston, Senators Hatch and Garn of Utah, and Congressman Marriott of Utah. We trust they will add their names to ours, in the request to you and President Carter. We know how the President feels about these matters, and we trust he will help our niece.

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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We feel that if you request the release of our niece Liliana Graciella Vogler from the Argentina jail to our custody in the United States, it might work. Her name is well known to the Argentine officials, thanks to Ambassador Castro, and to our State Dept., and to Frank Moore, Pres. Carter's liaison man between Congress and the Executive Dept.

This request should be directed to Gen. Vidella, the acting President of the trio of military leaders there. We are afraid the State Dept. has done as much as they can, and we certainly appreciate all of them for their marvelous work.

We feel that the person that you can contact in the State Dept., to learn the whole store is Judith Chavchavadse at phone number 632-0771. By the way, she does not know about this letter to you, although we have told her in the past, that we might try this, if they couldn't succeed.

Thank you very much for your interest, and subsequent help. Please feel free to phone us at any time, if we can answer any questions for you.

Sincerely,

*Lester A. Fourness*  
*Elyse J. V. Fourness*

PS Liliana's Father, Mother, and younger Sister are now living in the United States, since early 1978, thanks to the State Dept. They are here on permanent resident visas.

cc. Sen Cranston, Sen. Hatch, Sen. Garn, Cong. Miller,  
Cong. Marriott, Cong. Dellums, Judith Chavchavadse.